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16 JAN 1967

The Honorable Alexander Flax
Director, National Reconnaissance Office
Department of Defense
Washington, D.C.

Dear Al:

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In my letter to you of 1 October 1965 I designated [] to serve in the capacity of Director of CIA Reconnaissance Programs on an interim basis. As a result of certain internal realignments I now feel that the Deputy Director for Science and Technology should deal directly with you in the management of CIA programs in the NRP. I propose, therefore, to designate Carl Duckett, Acting DD/S&T, as Director of CIA Reconnaissance Programs, vice [].

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At the same time I will look to [] in a staff capacity to give me close and continuing support in my role as member of the NRP Executive Committee. In this connection I will expect him to keep abreast of developments in all aspects of the NRP and would ask that you view any request for information from him in this light.

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Sincerely,

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Richard Helms

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